

THIRD FRIENDLY

WYCOMBE WANDERERS stage their third pre-season friendly tomorrow (Saturday) when they take on Cork Celtic from Ireland at Loakes Park. Cork are managed by former Chelsea star Bobby Tambling who may play tomorrow.

They were in the European Cup Winners' Cup last season and are expected to be

equivalent to Second Division standard. They are over here for a short three-match tour.

Wanderers may have Tony Horseman back in their ranks after a holiday. 'Bodger' is now entering his 15th season with the club. Mick Holifield is still on holiday while newcomer Paul Sussons is unavailable.

The Blues have four injury

problems at the moment, Derek Harris, the Loughborough College striker, with an ankle injury, Terry Reardon (thigh strain), Dave Bullock (knee injury) and Keith Mead (groin strain).

Manager Brian Lee is likely to take the opportunity to try out most of his available players tomorrow.

HAVE you heard the joke about Cork Celtic F.C. playing Wycombe Wanderers in a friendly? Well, 500 spectators didn't think much of it when the Irishmen failed to turn up at Loakes Park on Saturday, writes **STUART EARP.**

At 3 o'clock an announcement was made that Cork would not be coming. Gate money was refunded and in the end Wanderers staged a seven-a-side game and a penalty competition.

The arrangements for this friendly were made by Chelsea F.C. They had fixed the match on Wycombe's behalf via Bobby Tambling, a former Chelsea player who is now manager of Cork Celtic. But somewhere along the line, the arrangements went wrong and Cork did not appear.

Wycombe contacted Chelsea manager Eddie Macready at Fulham where Chelsea were playing in the Anglo-Scottish Cup, but he was unable to shed any light on the subject. Cork were meant to be touring over here with three matches lined up.

The seven-a-side game at least gave the spectators, many of whom stayed behind to watch the practice, a chance to see two more new players — Ray Eaton and Paul Sussons. Eaton has often played at Loakes Park for Enfield and Ilford but Sussons is a newcomer. Tall and slim, he looked a useful acquisition.

In the seven-a-side game, the "yellows" beat the "blues" 6-4 with Sussons, Keith Mead, Dave Alexander and Dylan Evans

scoring for the Blues and Tony Horseman (4-1 pen), Dave Bullock, Geoff Anthony on target for the yellows.

Horseman, in fact, had only returned from holiday on Saturday morning but showed he has lost none of his ability in front of goal and one of his four was scored from an almost impossible angle. John Maskell had a busy time in goal and made some excellent saves.

The yellows also won the penalty competition afterwards.

With Maskell and Bullock as the goalkeepers, Mead, Eaton and Maskell scored while Evans and Sussons missed and Delaney and Alexander had their penalties saved.

For the yellows, Graham Mackenzie, Derek Cotterell, Paul Birdseye and Howard Kennedy were all successful, while Maskell saved Bullock's and Anthony's efforts and Horseman sent his high and wide — much to the amusement of the crowd.